

Advanced Human Rights Courses (AHRC)

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The Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, will host an advanced course on Disability Rights in an African context, which will run from 12 to 16 March 2018 and will take place at the University of Pretoria, South Africa.

About the course

This short course is part of a series of annual advanced human rights courses offered by the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria.

The course which comes in the wake of the adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) (2006) is part of the Centre's efforts in promoting awareness about disability rights in the African region.

Possible topics

The programme may contain the following elements:

Broadly stated, the aims and objectives of the intensive course are to provide learners with knowledge and techniques that enable them to:

- Understand development of disability as a global human rights issue
- Understand and apply provisions of the CRPD
- Apply the CRPD to selected areas
- Understand development of disability as a human rights issue as the African regional and sub-regional levels
- Understand and apply the intersection between the human rights and cultural aspects of disability in an African context

- Understand and apply disability from a comparative human rights law perspective in other regions, including the European and Latin American regions
- Understand and apply the regulation of disability from a comparative law perspective in selected non-African countries
- Understand and apply theoretical approaches to equality and non-discrimination in a disability context.
- The course is presented by lecturers who are drawn from a variety of countries and are experts in disability rights law.

Disability Rights Curriculum

The Disability Rights Master Curriculum was developed by the Centre for Human Rights in collaboration with academics from other institutions.

Collaborating institutions are:

- Midlands State University Zimbabwe,
- Thabo Mbeki Institute, South Africa,
- Kenya Human Rights Commission,
- Chancellor College, University of Malawi,
- University of Zambia,
- The African Child Policy Forum,
- Syracuse University College of Law, USA and
- Cardiff Law School.

The Curriculum is primarily aimed for use in teaching disability law by partner institutions of the Disability Rights and Law Schools Project in Southern Africa.

The universities participating in this project are:

- Midlands State University, Zimbabwe,
- University of Zambia,
- University of Dodoma, Tanzania,
- Chancellor College, University of Malawi,
- Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique,
- University of Namibia and
- University of Botswana.

The Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria plays a coordinating role. The project is funded by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The curriculum comprises of the following modules:

- Introduction to disability rights,
- Protection of the rights of persons with disabilities: Global framework,
- Protection of disability rights under African regional and national law,
- Non-discrimination against persons with disabilities,
- Right to health,
- Participation in political and public life, Employment, education, vulnerabilities and intersectionalities,
- Legal capacity law and policy,
- Access to justice and
- National monitoring and implementation of disability rights.

Partial scholarships

Partial scholarships are very limited and NOT guaranteed. Partial scholarships do not include airfare and participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements and the cost thereof.

Please indicate on the online application form whether you are in need of a partial scholarship, and whether you would still like to be considered in the event that you do not receive a partial scholarship.

Applications

Applicants are required to apply online for this course.

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY FOR THIS COURSE](#)

Please note that in order to apply for any of the Advanced Human Rights Courses, you are required to have a Google Gmail account.

Important Notice: A high proficiency in English is required to attend these courses. All lectures and materials are in English.

Documents to be submitted:

- Curriculum Vitae
- One Letter of Recommendation
- Academic Records (Students only)

Deadline for applications

- Local Applicants: **10 March 2018**
- International Applicants: **4 March 2018**

Partners

This course is presented by the Advanced Human Rights Courses programme, in collaboration with the Disability Rights Unit at the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria.

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